



PALM SUNDAY

March 25, 2018



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

On Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, fulfilling Zechariah's prophecy of the coming King who brings salvation and peace. But as we rejoice and shout "Hosanna" together, it is important that we capture the irony of the day.

This is the moment Israel eagerly waited for, expecting a mighty military ruler, not a gentle King riding a lowly donkey. This is the day on which Jesus entered the city in triumph, but as a part of His journey to the cross. This is the week in which the crowd's cries of "Hosanna" would soon turn to "Crucify Him!" This is the beginning of the climax of God's redemptive plan to save the world, not by conquering the world, but by dying for it.

As we enter into worship today, let us prepare our hearts by contemplating the glory of this King — the One who purposefully rode toward the cross, the One who saved those who hated Him, and the One who redeemed the world by dying for it.

THE HUMBLE KING OF GLORY COMES

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:

Sinfonia "Unto Thee, O God, We Give Thanks" from *Cantata 29* J.S. Bach
Scott Moore, Stephen Cook, William Paladino, trumpet; Samuel Metzger, organ

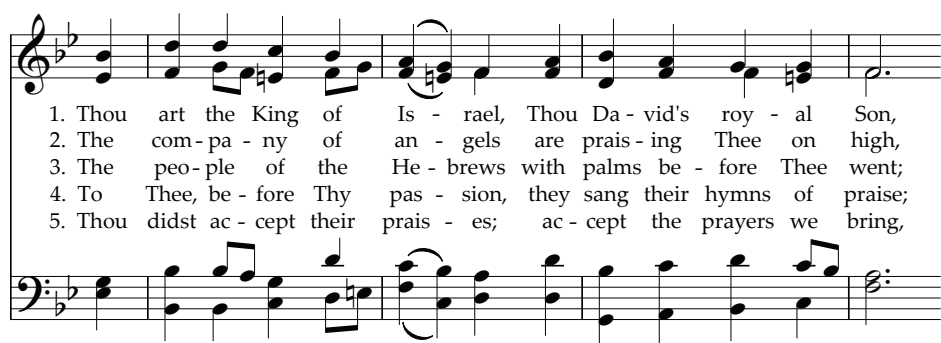
CHORAL INTROIT: "Hosanna to the Son of David" Roger Hannahs

Hosanna to the Son of David,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna.

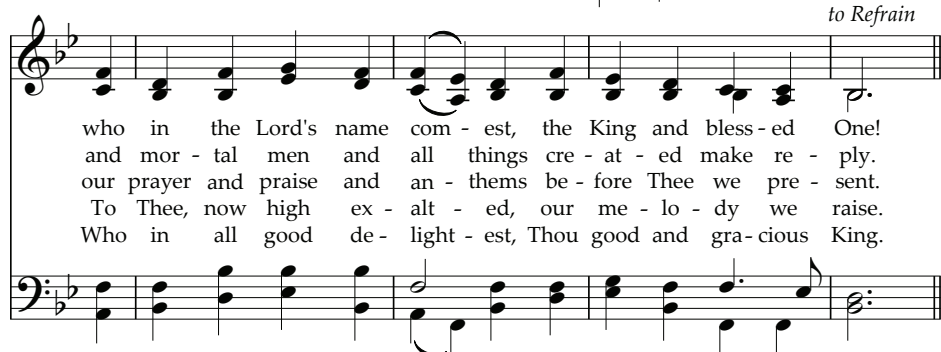
*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Christy Young, director*

CALL TO WORSHIP Joshua D. Yates

♠PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" ST. THEODULPH



1. Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing Thee on high,
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore Thee went;
4. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



to Refrain

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
and mor - tal men and all things cre - at - ed make re - ply.
our prayer and praise and an - thems be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our me - lo - dy we raise.
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King.

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to Thee, Re - deem - er, King,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet hos - san - nas ring!

✦ INVOCATION *(Please lift hands)*

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM: "Hosanna to the Son" Jody W. Lindh

*Hosanna, hosanna, to the Son of David, blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David, glory, glory be to the God on high!*

The people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem;
Riding on a donkey's colt, He came, palm branches spread before Him.
The disciples didn't understand what was happening at first;
But when Jesus, the King, was glorified,
Then they remembered, it had all been written!

*Junior Cherub, Senior Cherub, and First Grade Choirs
Katie Pollorena, director
Mary Lawrence Flinn, accompanist*

✦ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE MAJESTIC KING OF HEAVEN PARDONS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of Glory,
we confess that our praise of Your majesty
has too often been insincere
and our behavior as citizens of Your Kingdom treasonous.
Forgive us for our zeal for making our names great,
which robs You of Your glory and honor.
Pardon us for resisting Your kingship
and seeking to be our own authority.
You sent Your Son to rescue us.
For our rebellion, He died. For our restoration, He rose.
Now by Your Spirit, ride into our hearts with Your healing grace.
Transform us and renew us
that with sincere hearts we may delight in You
and live for the glory of Your name.
We pray this in the blessed name of Jesus, our King.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON John 3:16-17

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world
but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD D. Todd Erickson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" from *Messiah* . . G. F. Handel

Lift up your heads, O ye gates.
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is the King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates.
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is the King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory.

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Jennifer C. Wilson

THE SHEPHERD KING GIVES HIS WORD

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*please stand*)

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 310 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" DARWALL

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 8:1-25
(page 916 in the pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;
**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (*Isaiah 40:6b, 8*)

SERMON *The Power of the Word* George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLACOMBE



1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na the lit - tle chil - dren
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ul - tant
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we



sang; through pil - lared court and tem - ple the
crowd, the vic - tory palm branch wav - ing, and
sing, for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the

love - ly an - them rang, To Je - sus, who had
chant - ing clear and loud. The Lord of earth and
Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ev - er
blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast, the chil - dren
heav - en rode on in low - ly state, nor scorned that
praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his
sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "All Glory Laud and Honor" . . . Michael Burkhardt

✦ Indicates congregation standing

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Holy Week Service Schedule

Holy Week Lunches & Services: March 26-29

Daily services at noon in the Sanctuary

Daily lunch: 11:00-11:45 a.m. & 12:30-1:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Nursery available on Tuesday/Thursday; make reservations at 2pc.org/easter

Maundy Thursday Evening: March 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Good Friday Service: March 30 at 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Nursery available by reservation only; make reservations at 2pc.org/easter

Easter Egg Hunt: March 31 at 10:00 a.m. on the Poplar Field

Easter Sunday: April 1

Sunrise Service: 6:30 a.m. at Memphis Botanic Garden

Morning Worship Services: 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

No Sunday School or Evening Service

- I. Despite Persecution (Acts 8:1-4)
 - A. Man's Worst (vv. 1-3)

 - B. God's Strength (v. 4)

- II. Over Unbelief (Acts 8:5-8, 14-19)
 - A. Unbelieving Labels (vv. 5-6, 14-19)

 - B. Unbelieving Spirits (vv. 7-8)

- III. In Contrast to "Power" (Acts 8:9-13, 18-25)
 - A. Changed Minds (vv. 9-13, 18-19)

 - B. No Charge (vv. 20-25)